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G.O. NO. 395

Dated 12.2.52

[Despatch Abstract.]

Establishment - Temporary - (South Kanara) Puttur Taluk - Sulya Firka - Illicit felling of trees - Detection. Special staff sanctioned -

Revenue Department
Subject

Establishment - Temporary (South Kanara) Puttur Taluk - Sullia Firka - Illicit felling of trees - Detection - Special Staff - Sanction - Requested.

Station:Madras Ref.B.9056/51-1 Dated 23-1-52

From

Sri A.F. Mascarenhas,I.A.S.,
Secretary, Board of Revenue,Madras

Sri W.R.S. Sattianathan,I.C.S.,
Commissioner of Land Revenue.

Read:- From the Collector of South Kanara Roc.B1.24278/51 d/27-9-51

REFERENCE

Submitted to the Government.

2. In the circumstances reported by the Collector, the Board requests that the Government may be pleased to accord sanction for the employment of a Special Staff of one deputy Tahsildar one Lower Division Clerk and two peons for a period of three months from the date of employment for work connected with the detection of forest offences in Sullia Firka of Puttur Taluk, South Kanara District.

3. The expenditure may be debited to '25.General Administration District Administration" - Miscellaneous - Other Establishments - Taluk Establishments Ordinary Areas - Voted".

for Secretary

To the Secretary to Government,Revenue Department Madras
Copy to the Collector of South Kanara.

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C.B1.24278/51.

South Kanara Collector's office
Mangalore dated 27.9.51.

From

SRI A .R.RAJARATNAM,B.A.
Collector of South Kanara.

To

The Secretary to the Government
(Revenue Department)
Fort St. George, Madras 9.
Through
The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
(Land Revenue) Chepauk, Madras 5
(in duplicate)

Sir,

FOREST OFFENCE: South Kanara--Puttur taluk--Sullia firka--illicit felling of trees from the unreserves--prevention and detection of the offences--employment of speiaial staff--report.

Sullia firka in Puttur taluk is rich in its forest resources. It adjoins the Coorg state and is full of thick reserve and unreserve forests containing valuable timber trees. The rise in prices of timber of late in the market has tempted many a ryot in the interior villages of this firka to sell valuable trees from their Warg lands to traders and contractors from the coastal areas. Some of the unscrupulous contractors take advantage of this position and clandestinely fell trees even inside the Government unreserves and transport them for sale These villages were originally surveyed and have not been subsequently resurveyed. The unreserves are extensive hill blocks and cannot also easily identified by the villagers and much less by these traders and contractors when they carry on these fellings. Most of these unreserves are situated either close to the patta lands and in many cases, they abut the reserved forests and one would find from the tree growth existing in them little difference to distinguish trees grown in the reserves from those grown in the unreserves. In these interior villages supervision by the village officers is not very effective to detect or prevent such fellings particularly when they are committed in out-of-the-way places. The fellings are generally carried on during nights by employing mapla (muslims) labourers imported from the coastal areas in Kasaragod taluk. The felled tree are invariably transported then and there by fast driven vehicles during nights. Successful detection of these offences is only few and far between and this is due to want of an effective machinery to detect the fellings.

2.The firka is in Malnad area with sparce population. As the rainy season has come to a close, the Tahsildar Puttur, anticipat fellings on a large scale in the coming months if no preventive measures are taken now. There are 33 villages in this firka, each village being very extensive. Touring is extremely difficult in thi firka. The firka Revenue Inspector cannot spare time to pursue thes investigations successfully without detriment to his other multifario duties.

3.In G.O.No.2299, Revenue dated 23.8.50, the Government sanctione the employment of a special Revenue Inspector for the detection of forest offences in this firka for a period of three months. In G.O. No.3274 Revenue, dated 29.12.50, the post was extended for a further period of three months. During this period, a sum of Rs.2119/- was levied as compounding fee in the several cases detected. But what actually done is found to be only a very small fraction of the real extent of the fellings that had actually taken place. The special Revenue Inspector no doubt did his best, but then the volume of work was so great that it was beyond him to detect more cases and effectiv put a stop to these offences.

4.The Tahsildar Puttur, has now reported that there are 33 cases still pending on his file. It is reported that in addition to these, there are 25 more petitions alleging fellings in the several villages in this firka pending aga enquiry. It is reported that there are also large scale illicit fellings in Markanja, Mandeko Aranthod and Guttigar villages abuting the Coorg boarder which have to detected by local inspection by a responsible officer. It is stated that in these cases the village officers have not reported these illicit fellings till now. Both the Tahsildar and the Revenu

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Divisional Officer have accordingly recommended that a Deputy Tahsildar with two special Revenue Inspectors and three peons may be appointed immediately for a period of at least one year. I, do not however think that the employment of such a large staff is necessary. The employment of a special staff is however really necessary as otherwise these unreserves would be denuded of their valuable tree growth considerably. In G.O. Ms.No.3070 Revenue dated 29.11.50 a special staff consisting of one Deputy Tahsildar one lower division clerk and two peons was sanctioned for the Coondapur taluk for a period of six months under similar circumstances. I, recommend that sanction may be accorded for the employment of one special Deputy Tahsildar one clerk and two peons for a period of three months for the present for this firka also. As the fellings season has commenced, I request that early orders may be passed. The special Deputy Tahsildar and his staff to be so posted may be ordered to have their head-quarters in Sullia village and may be ordered to draw allowances as those in the regular category.

Yours faithfully,

For Collector.

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1200 for 3 months

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Revenue Department.

C. No. 4155C/52.]

READ:— From the Board of Revenue, Rc. B.9056/51-1, dated 23.1.52.

C F - From the Board of Revenue Reference No. B.9056/51-1 dated 23.1.52.

G.O. Ms. No. 395, dated 12/2/52

The Government sanction the employment/~~retention~~ of the additional staff on the scales of pay and for the periods, etc., mentioned in the annexure below. The staff sanctioned will be eligible to draw the dearness allowance and other allowances admissible to them under the rules.

2. The expenditure should be debited to ~~the appropriate sub-heads~~ "25. General Administration" — Districts Administration — Miscellaneous — Other establishments — Taluk establishments — Ordinary areas — Voted

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To the Board of Revenue.
" Accountant-General through Finance.
" Collector of South Kanara.
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ANNEXURE.

Office in which sanctioned. (1)	Staff sanctioned. (2)	G.O. in which last sanctioned. (3)	Purpose. (4)	Scale of pay. (5)	Period of present sanction. (6)
				Rs.	
Sullia Firka Puttur taluk, South Kanara Dt.	One Deputy Tahsildar	—	For work connected with the detection of forest offences	150-5-200 p.m.	For a period of 3 months from the date of employment
	One l.d. clerk			45-90 p.m.	
	Two peons.			18-25 p.m.	

Note: Finance (DW. and) U.O. for acceptance.

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The draft order overleaf may be ~~accepted~~ perused and the file passed on to Fin.

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ADDITIONAL DEPUTY SECRETARY
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In the circumstances explained by the Collector of South Kanara on pts 2-3 of, this dept may agree to the employment of special staff as recommended by the Board of Rev.

The draft order overleaf may be accepted.

The extra cost involved works out to about Rs 1200 for 3 months

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To A.S.

The draft order overleaf may issue.

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ADDITIONAL SECRETARY TO G. (EXAMINER)
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